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Catholic Men's Club Plan Communion Supper Feb. 9

Captain J. Hastings, TWA pilot will address the Catholic Men's Club meeting on March 10. Capt. Hastings was the pilot whose plane was recently hijacked to Italy. He will explain full details of the kidnapping. He will be introduced by TWA pilot John Morin of Agawam, a member of the men's club. The nominating committee will report new slate of officers at this meeting.

A Communion supper is planned for Monday, Feb. 9 in the parish hall. Members of Agawam's finance committee will be guest speakers following the dinner.

The Catholic Men's Club who debated to suspend their organization back in the fall, have come back to full operation following a plea to the men of the parish to get behind the club. Edmund Coffey, president, has spearheaded a successful membership appeal and as a result, the club secured many new members who are

keeping it going and doing this successfully. Robert Griffen, vice-president is serving as program director and heads a reservation committee for the above program. Reservations for all of the programs should be made with Coffey or Griffen or any member of the club.

Show Patrons Urged To Return Forms

The second annual St. Patrick's Day Show "A Bit of Old Ireland" sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Guild will be held March 20 at the Agawam High School.

The show committee is currently signing up sponsors. Those wishing to participate as backers of the show should drop their signed form in the collection basket Sunday at all masses. They will be entitled to two complimentary tickets to see the March show.

Drive To Help Sunshine Village Building Fund For Retarded

"If everybody gives a little, we can do a lot."

With this slogan, Friends of the Retarded Children will sponsor a drive to assist them with building Sunshine Village in Chicopee. The village will include a sheltered workshop, pre-school nursery, a day care center, recreation room, kitchen and snack bar, first aid room and visitors lounge. Almost completed are two swimming pools, a bathhouse and outdoor recreation areas including picnic grounds.

The drive will start on Feb. 23 and conclude on Feb. 28. The appeal in Agawam is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Donald G. Martin of 27 Oak Lane, Feeding Hills. Mrs. Martin will head the door to door campaign.

Mrs. Martin said today, "We

are desperately in need of volunteers to make the door-to-door canvass and all volunteers will be gratefully accepted. I would like to point out that although Sunshine Village is located in Chicopee, that Agawam children are eligible to participate and many children from here are already enrolled in the programs. She concluded by stating, "The need is unquestionable. Little or nothing has been done for this sorely neglected group in this area, who number far more than you realize. The need is great, please help in the approaching appeal."

Gridiron Mothers' Banquet Saturday

The Agawam Gridiron Mothers' Club will hold their annual Football Banquet on Saturday, the 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam High School. The banquet is held annually to honor all the boys who participated in the football program. It is of special significance to the seniors who are awarded trophies.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Gayton Salvucci, American International College football coach. Rollie Jacobs, sportscaster for WWLP-TV will emcee the program.

Mrs. Gloria Quintal and Mrs. Charles Shearer, chairman and co-chairman, respectively, will be assisted by Miss Geraldine Schilling, Mrs. Paul Morin, Mrs. Elton Hedges, Mrs. Dominick Tangredi, Mrs. Paul O'Brien, Mrs. Robert Dempsey, Mrs. Joseph Conte, Mrs. Michael Losito, Mrs. Robert Nooney, and Mrs. Henry Drewnowski. Mrs. Ted Progulski, president, will serve as honorary chairman.

W. S. Rainbow Girls Install Officers



SUSAN BROWN,
Worthy Advisor

The installation of the West Springfield International Order of the Rainbow for Girls will be held tonight at the Masonic Hall in West Springfield.

The installing suite includes Marsha Young, Junior P.W.O., Installing Officer; June Canders, P.W.A., Installing Marshal; Anne Wooliver, P.W.A., Installing Chaplain; Gail Malendrakis P.W.A., Installing Recorder; Marilyn McCobb, Installing Musician and Nancy Andrews, Installing Soloist. Mrs. Florence Mowbray, Grand Deputy of the Supreme Deputy of Massachusetts will serve as Installing Mother Advisor.

The officers elect are: Worthy Advisor, Susan Brown; Worthy Associate Advisor, Joyce Palmer; Charity, Barbara Wooliver; Hope, Jane Sauter; Faith, Cynthia Jensen; Recorder, Barbara Langton; Treasurer, Susan Rockwell; Chaplain, Virginia Fife; Drill Leader, Robin Rier; Love, Carol Walker; Religion, Jill Canders; Nature, Sherry Horacek; Immortality, Nancy Andrews; Fidelity, Martha Heyl; Patriotism, Cathy Carduff; Service, Sudy Canders; Confidential Observer, Patricia Parantoni; Outer Observer, Lucinda Tolken; Choir Director, Jan Canders, and Musician, Joela Deuito.

The Advisory Board to be installed is Mrs. Marilyn Talbot, Mother Advisor; Mr. Walter Marquis, Dad of Rainbow; Mr. Jenis Jensen, Mr. Bertram Goodwin, Mr. Richard Tolken, Mr. Irving Walker, Mrs. Elsie Blanchard, Mrs. Lillian Webber, Mrs. Florence Bozenhard and Mrs. Lucille Wills.

Friendly Circle Smorgasbord Jan. 24

The Friendly Circle of the Valley Community Church will serve a public Smorgasbord on Jan. 24, in the Dunn Community Hall of the Church in Feeding Hills. Sitings will be continuous from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Reservations can be made with Mrs. Gilbert Bowden 788-0105 or 734-7754 or with Mrs. Charles Ritter 788-6890.

The menu will consist of: baked ham, roast turkey, meat balls, browned hash, macaroni and cheese, baked ravioli, Maine-style baked beans, deviled eggs, potato salad, assorted gelatin salads, pickles and olives, tossed salad, rolls and butter, coffee, tea or milk and hot fudge sundae.

Christian Unity Service Sunday At Valley Church

The week of prayer for Christian Unity started Sunday in St. John the Evangelist Church when parishioners of all the churches in Agawam and Feeding Hills crowded the church to the doors. St. John's, host church on Sunday started the week of Unity events which will be concluded next Sunday at Valley Community Church at 7:30 p.m.

Participating clergy are: Rev. Samuel Fayad, Pastor, St. Anthony's, Invocation and opening prayers and Benediction; Rev. Paul Bernard, Pastor of St. Theresa's Old Testament lesson; Rev. George Linse, Pastor, Sacred Heart, New Testament lesson Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor

of Agawam Baptist, meditation and prayer. Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Pastor of Valley Community will preside and deliver the sermon.

Rev. Albert Blanchard, Assistant Pastor of St. John's gave the sermon and welcomed those present. He said, "Too long, the people of God have been trying to 'get off the hook'—they have been taking everything from God and giving nothing in exchange.

"To find the one who instituted church unity, we must go to the Last Supper when Our Lord knew he would be betrayed, knew he would be killed and yet on His lips was a prayer for Unity." Today, we are all searching for this unity, and I ask you tonight, what have you done in your own church to find the truth, what have you done to promote unity?

"I predict there will be a future church of all faiths, we are going to have a unified church but with diversities. We must continue to pray, truly God's words when he said, 'God will help those who help themselves' must guide us. We must say to ourselves, I must learn about my brother's church and I say to you here tonight, if Unity is to come about it will come about through your presence here tonight. One solution is to work through our parish organizations to get people together to pray and to discuss how best we can promote Christian Unity."

Other clergymen participating were Rev. John Tyler, St. David; Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Baptist; Rev. Ronald Oakland, Methodist; Rev. Floyd Bryan, Congregational and Rev. Joseph Mantia of St. Anthony's.

A coffee hour will follow the service and will provide everyone an opportunity for fellowship with those of other churches. The public is cordially invited.

Women's Club To Meet Jan. 26

The annual "Gentlemen's Night" meeting of Agawam Women's Club will be held Monday, the 26th, at the Captain Leonard House at 8 p.m.

Mr. William Webb, executive director, Better Business Bureau of Western Mass., will discuss "Who Speaks For the Consumer?" and "Is the Consumer An Idiot?". Invocation will be given by Mrs. John Rafferty.

The American Home Committee will present a display of quilts. Hostess for the evening is Mrs. William Thorpe.

Led By U.S.S. Long Beach U.S. Navy Will Pack Potent Punch

By Buck Lanier,
Military Affairs Editor
Submitted By ADB

SAIGON — The United States Navy of the 1970's will be a little smaller, more versatile, more highly skilled and pack a potent punch.

Leading the way will be the nuclear missile cruiser USS Long Beach, now operating in the Tonkin Gulf as strike-support Boss.

The ship's Southeast Asia deployment is slated to end in early spring and is scheduled for reassignment to Mare Island Naval Shipyard. There it will receive

extensive upgrading of its radar and fire control capabilities, also be refueled, twin reactors fired up so well that a 'fuel stop' will not be necessary for a decade. Joining the Long Beach this decade will be seven, and possibly 10

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NOTICE

President Kennedy, Knights of Columbus Council #5585 will meet at the Council Home, South St., tonight at 8 p.m.

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CHURCH NEWS

BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
Church Secretary
Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Senior
Choir rehearse at church and Religious Education Committee will meet at the church; 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee meet at church.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP—The Young people of the church will guide the service. . . . Melody Choir will sing; 10:30 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL for all ages; 6 p.m. The Junior High and Senior BYF's meet at the church. Rev. Lockhart will speak to the group.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Melody Choir rehearse at church; 7:30 Church Committee meet at church.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post open.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. Andrew Toussaint,
Minister of Music
Mrs. Lewis Moors,
Church Secretary

Thursday: 12 noon. Ladies Aid business meeting and luncheon—Program: Hobby Day — bring your hobby or hobbies to display and those who desire will tell about theirs; 7 p.m. Boy Scout meeting; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

Friday: 9 a.m. Youth Choir rehearsal

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Church School, 5th Grade thru 12th Grade; 10:30 a.m. Church School, Nursery thru 4th Grade and Church at Morning Worship—Mr. Bryan preaching; 6 p.m. Jun-

ior United Church Youth Group; 7 p.m. Senior United Church Youth Group.

Monday: 7 p.m. Cub Scout meeting.

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group meeting.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist

Mrs. Richard Orr,
Church Secretary

Sunday: 10 a.m. Morning worship with sermon: "A Healing in Perea" and Sunday School classes in the Community Hall; 6 p.m. The Hilltoppers; 7:30 p.m. Ecumenical Service with all Agawam Churches participating. Everyone cordially invited. A coffee hour will follow the service.



NEWS from the Services

N/F MATTHEW BLACKAK ABOARD USS STRONG USS STRONG (FHTNC) — Navy Fireman Matthew D. Blackak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Blackak of 274 Meadow St., Agawam, visited Naples, Italy aboard the destroyer USS Strong.

While serving with the Sixth Fleet, the Strong operates with U.S. and NATO Forces.

P/O GARRISON ABOARD USS LONG BEACH

USS LONG BEACH (FHTNC)—Navy Petty Officer Second Class Donnie Garrison, son of Mrs. Clara Garrison, and husband of the former Miss Coral S. Bissonnette, all of 21 Mulberry St., Agawam, helped mark the 15th anniversary of nuclear power in the U.S. Navy while serving aboard the nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser USS Long Beach with the Seventh Fleet in the Tonkin Gulf.

January 1970 marks 14 successful years since the submarine USS Nautilus transmitted the famous message "underway on nuclear power." Since then the Navy's nuclear-powered fleet has grown to eighty-seven submarines and four surface vessels.

The Long Beach has seen duty ranging from the Mediterranean to its present location off the coast of Vietnam. In 1964, the

Long Beach, together with the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise and the nuclear-powered guided missile frigate USS Bainbridge, successfully completed the first world cruise of nuclear-powered surface warships.

MANCINI, JR. SERVING AT YUMA, ARIZ., BASE

YUMA, Ariz. (FHTNC) — Marine Private First Class Aldo A. Mancini, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Aldo A. Mancini of 58 Royal St., Agawam, is serving with headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 10 at Marine Corps Station, Yuma, Ariz.

Westbank Posts Record Years

Western Bank and Trust Company, West Springfield, has set growth records in all departments, according to William A. Franks, Jr., president. The bank ended 1969 with assets in excess of \$14.3 million, a gain of more than \$4.2 million over 1968.

Deposits with Westbank were up 41.9 per cent over the previous year to a record level of \$13.1 million, an increase of \$3.9 million. A jump of nearly one-third was registered in loans and discounts, which moved from \$6.8 million in 1968 to \$9.0 million in 1969.

The bank ended the year with net operating earnings, after taxes and addition to reserves, of \$80,500 or \$2.88 per share, compared with \$65,400 or \$2.33 per share in 1968. To further strengthen Westbank's financial structure, \$130,000 was transferred from undivided profits to surplus.

The Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of 10 cents a share, bringing the 1969 cash dividend to 40 cents per share. Additionally, subject to stockholder approval, the board voted a 10 per cent stock dividend. Both dividends are payable to stockholders of record December 31, 1969.

Credit for the continued growth of the seven-year-old full service bank was given to the "willingness to innovate so that we can best anticipate the needs of our customer," Franks explained. "We are geared to service the individual and smaller business and professional organization. We feel, therefore, the need to be alert to the up-coming requirements of our customers."

Frank's pointed to Westbank's introduction in the area of "West-Checks," the first personal checking account without a service charge if there was a \$100 balance, and to the recently introduced "Westbank 65," which provided free, no-balance checking accounts to senior citizens.

Teen-age girl (answering telephone) :: of course I remember you. Jimmy who?"

My Beat — A.H.S.

By Joseph Della-Giustina, Jr.

Do you understand that the Agawam Teen Drop-In Center is not to teach teenagers respect, which is taught in the home, but is a program to get teen-agers off the street. Other recreational areas in the town on this platform have failed as you can well see when you go to your local store and see teen-agers hanging around until the police chase them away to the next spot. The teen-agers still have not gotten off the streets, and are still looking for something to do. Since the town has not given us a recreational center where we can shoot pool, play ping pong, and hang around, we, as teen-agers, are going to provide a center ourselves. I am sure most of you will agree on this platform.

We, of the executive committee, would like to thank all those who have donated money and equipment. The names of the donors will be released at a future time. We are still in the process of collecting money and equipment. If you would like to be a part of our teen center by donations or physical help, please contact me at 736-6050.

I would like to thank the following people for helping us every Saturday on building the Teen center: Mike Demko, Jr., Nick Demko, Nick Lawrencechuck, Larry Whittle, Joe Morin, Joe Graziano, Jim Anderson, Bill Andrews, Paul Bickford, Bruce Holden, George Gagliarducci, Jim Boucher and Lucky Barile. We will continue to work on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., so anyone wishing to help is welcome to come down to the Carousel Roller Skating Rink.

Varsity Basketball

Agawam Basketball Team will play Minnechaug on Jan. 23 at Minnechaug at 8 p.m. On Jan. 27, Agawam plays Longmeadow at Longmeadow at 8 p.m. GOOD LUCK!!!!

Hockey Team

Today Agawam's Hockey Team plays Westfield at 7 p.m. in the

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret (Blythe) Gosselin, of 166 Walnut St., the beloved mother of Clifford G. Gosselin was held Jan. 19 at the Toomey Funeral Home. The Very Rev. Malcolm Eckel of Christ Church in Springfield was in charge of services and offered committal prayers at St. Thomas Cemetery.

The funeral of Ernest A. Lopez, husband of Jennie (Liquori) Lopez, of 84 Highland St., Feeding Hills was held Jan. 19 from the Curran-Jones Funeral Home followed by a Requiem High Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Rev. George A. Linse was celebrant. Bearers were: Angelo and Anthony Liquori, Arnold Sarnelli, Dean Martilli, John Bruno, and Saverino Albano. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery, with Fr. James G. Shea offering the prayers of committal.

West Springfield Coliseum. On Monday, Jan. 26, East Longmeadow plays Agawam at 8 p.m. in the Coliseum. GOOD LUCK!!!

Waste Collections

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

ROUTE 10

Autumn, Barden, Campbell Dr., Channel Dr., Clark, Clifton Dr., Congress, Cross, Dartmouth, Deering, Dover, Dyotte, Florida Dr., South Florida Dr., Forest Rd., Greenwood, Grove, Laura Cir., Lawnwood, Leonard, Meadowbrook Rd., Merrell Dr., Morgan, Peros Dr., Roberta Cir., Ruth Ave., Sibley, Simpson Cir., Warren, and Western Dr.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

ROUTE 1

Audubon, Arnold, Broz Ter., Carmen Ave., Cleveland, Coronet Cir., Duclos Dr., Francis, Gale, Grant, Hall, Harding, Homer, James, Letendre Ave., Liberty, Maynard, McKinley, Norman Ter., Norman Ter. Ext., North, Oak Lane, Pleasant Dr., Ridgeway Dr., Robin Ln., Sherman Ave., Sylvan Ln., Taft, Walton Ln., Wilbert Ter., Wilson, and Woodland St.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

ROUTE 2

Acorn, Agnoli Pl., Annabelle, Bessbrook, Chapin, Cherry, Colemore, Daniel, Day, Eastern Ave., Fenton, Franklin, Fruwirth Ave., Giffin Pl., Greenock, Hastings, Hayes Ave., Henry, Highland, Horsham Pl., Kensington, Lenox, Lincoln, Line, Mooreland, Norris, Norwood, Oak, Park, Pierce, Portland Pl., Ralph, Rhodes Ave., Sequoia Dr., Springfield, White, William and Witheridge St.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

ROUTE 3

Barn Rd., Begley, Birchwood Ter., Bridge, Brookside Pl., Church, Columbus, Cooley, Cottage, Country Rd., Dwight, Ellington, George, High, Highland Ave., Hillcrest Ave., Howard, Keating Ln., King, King Ave., Laurel, Lexington, Maple, McGrath Ter., Moore, Morris, Mulberry, Oak Ave., Oak Hill Ave., Orchard, Ottawa, Pasadena, Prospect, Randall, River, Rowley, Royal Ln., Royal, Scherpa, Spencer, Spring, Summer, Sutton Pl., Tower Ter., Valley, Walnut, Walnut St. Ext., and Winthrop St.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

ROUTE 4

Alexander Ave., Belmont Ave., Belvidere, Briar Hill Rd., Brookline, Carol Dr., Churchill Ave., Clover Hill Dr., Columbia Ave., Country View Cir., Daniel, Fordham Ave., Fox Farms Rd., Granger Dr., Harvard Ave., North St. Ext., No. Westfield, N. West, Northwood, New York Ave., Oriole Dr., Parkview Dr., Pleasant Valley Rd., Provin Mt. Dr., Richmond Ave., Ridgeview Dr., Robin Ridge Dr., Strawberry Hill Rd., Squire Ln., Roosevelt Ave., Thalia Dr., Vassar Dr. and Yale Ave.

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I am not herein taking issue with the writer of an article appearing in one of our newspapers in which snow plowing was declared in part to be wasteful spending. It is true that the trials of keeping your driveways clear when snow plows pass and re-pass are overwhelming. We, on the state highway, feel this pinch continuously as plows generously heap snow over our mailboxes and hydrants.

But, have we given full consideration to the other fellows' problems. There are probably 8,000 driveways in town. Does anyone really expect a driver, sometimes under the cover of darkness, to direct the snow which he is moving in such fashion that he will miss our own driveway? Just try to picture the course which we would follow down a street on which driveways are two hundred feet apart.

There is another factor involved in the repetitious clogging of your driveway. This depends upon when the storm ends. If plowing is completed during the night hours and your private driveway plows begin their work at daylight, then driveways escape the refilling situation. If the storm ends at 12 noon and the street plows must repeat their routes then a different situation exists.

These are some of the pertinent facts about snow plowing in Agawam. We own and control five truck plows, one loader and a grader. We hire about 14 extra plows. We pay these private plows a \$14.00 per hour rate. If we have a fall of from 6 to 8 inches our streets should all be cleared in 12 hours. The Dec. 26th storm involved about 16 hours of plowing. Following the plowing operation, our three sanding trucks are involved in salting and sanding to remove remaining snow and/or ice to render a dry road condition. The entire cost of the complete operation using the Dec. 26th storm as a relative is \$7,000. In as much as our D.P.W. men would usually be on overtime rates, their pay approximates \$5.00 per hour. We use two "jeeps" in the operation on streets where large plows may not easily turn around. Their average rate is \$12.00 per hour. We have ten scheduled routes, so that drivers may become accustomed to their own areas.

When the fall warrants and

church yards and driveways become too congested, our loaders and trucks remove the excess snow. All churches are treated on an equal basis.

Our town ordinances call for the plowing of all sidewalks used by children to walk to school. Two sidewalk plows are used in this operation.

All school yards and drives are cleared by D.P.W. equipment as well as congested street intersections.

Let's remember that everyone's street cannot be the first to be plowed. I, for one, can not criticize our snowplowing operation because I hear so often from outsiders that the Agawam people do such a wonderful job in snow removal. This is an established fact.

So let's take our respective hats off to our D.P.W. organization for a job so well done and grab a shovel now and then and clear out the few inches they put in our driveway. It's really worth it.

GEORGE L. REYNOLDS,
Selectman.

Round The Town



By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

State House, Boston—Sidney J. Way, 56 Valentine Ter., Agawam, has been confirmed by the Executive Council as a Notary Public, the office of Secretary of State John F. X. Davoren has announced.

The name of the nominee was submitted to the Council by His Honor Gov. Francis W. Sargent. The term of office is for seven years and is a new appointment.

The Colonial Haven Social of 886 Main St., Agawam, held their first meeting of the new year recently with good attendance despite the weather and much sickness. Mr. Horace Marotte, president, presided.

After a short business meeting members were invited to tour

Europe via of slides by our guests Mr. Lee Hyland and Mr. Stanley Haiman. Beautiful pictures of the chief attractions in England, France, Germany, Italy and the Swiss Alps, were shown. Also, to take minds off the cold weather here, were pictures of our 50th state, Hawaii, with its beautiful flowers and beaches.

VWWI CARD

PARTY WINNERS

The third game in the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday in the Agawam National Guard on Maynard St. Winning door prizes were Rose Noonan, Mildred Hamel, Robert Damon and Etta Stetson.

Mystery prize winners were Antoinette Trudell, Ruth Gauthier, and Florence Steere. Ladies ace prize winner was Marion Damon and Nick Panaretas for the men.

Receiving high score awards were: Ladies—1st Florence Steere, 2nd Rosella Neilson, 3rd Emma Piacenza, 4th Viola Thayer; Men—1st Harold Landers, 2nd Howard Thayer, 3rd Peter Lacemark, 4th Walter Rollins.

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Democrats Plan Dinner To Ease Campaign Debt

Washington

The Democratic Party, still saddled with a massive presidential-campaign debt, hopes to ease the financial distress with a Feb. 5 fund-raising affair in Miami Beach.

The party chairman, Sen. Fred R. Harris of Oklahoma, hopes the affair, to be linked with at least 16 regional Democratic dinners by closed-circuit television, will clear more than \$1 million.

But that still will leave the party far from settlement of its \$7.5 million presidential-campaign debt.

"The financial situation of the Democratic National Committee will, of course, remain quite serious for the near future," Senator Harris acknowledged in a year-end report to the party.

He said the Miami Beach dinner and gala will be the party's principal 1970 fund-raising effort.

Three of the Democrats' star performers, Hubert H. Humphrey, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, and Sen. Edmund S. Muskie are to appear on the-TV hookup from Miami Beach.

The national committee also plans separate late spring fund raising affairs in Washington and New York.

But the supply of Democratic dollars faces competing demands, particularly from senators and House members facing reelection in 1970. The party's congressional-campaign committees will hold their own fund-raising dinner in Washington March 17.

Japanese Saves— For 2970 Withdrawal

Tokyo

The Mayor of Hachiojo, west of Tokyo, has opened a bank account with the Japanese yen equivalent of \$27.70 and ordered that the money from it cannot be withdrawn by his descendants until the year 2970.

At 5.5 percent interest, the account by that time will be worth \$5 septillion, bank officials said.

Said Mayor Enji Uetaki: "The idea is to encourage people, including myself and my descen-

dants, to have a big heart and to think big and plan big.

"The year 1970 is a good year to start such a big project.

"It gives pleasure to think about our descendants of 2970 and do something for them at the start of this year, which signals the beginning of the era of space development."

As far back as the 16th century a glassy-like mineral called fluorspar was used for producing glass. Now in the twentieth century it is also used for making steel.



January 26

to

January 30

SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Orange juice, bologna/cheese on roll, mustard, mayonnaise, potato chips, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwich, peach shortcake w/topping, milk.

Tuesday: Pineapple juice, sloppy joe on roll, buttered carrots, peanut butter sandwich, banana cake w/butter icing, milk.

Wednesday: Country style steak, mashed potato, buttered peas, bread/butter, bread pudding w/lemon sauce, milk.

Thursday: Elbow macaroni w/meat sauce, garden salad w/spinach greens, bread/butter, fruit cocktail, milk.

Friday: Tomato juice, filet-of-fish sandwich, tartar sauce, buttered corn, peanut butter sandwich, frosted pineapple pie square, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on roll, cabbage-carrot salad, sliced peaches w/peanut butter honey cookies, milk.

Tuesday: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, bread/butter, buttered carrots, ice cream, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, chopped ham/cheese on bun, potato chips, tossed salad, strawberry short cake, milk.

Thursday: Juice, hamburger on bun, green beans, peanut butter sandwich, fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Flipper special w/rice, mashed potatoes, bread/butter, buttered mixed vegetables, peanut butter cookies w/apple sauce, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Juice, hamburger on roll, corn, applesauce cake, milk.

Tuesday: Sliced bologna on roll, sliced cheese, french fries, cabbage-carrot salad, prune spice cake, milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni in tomato meat sauce, bread/butter, green beans, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Thursday: Meat balls in tomato/meat sauce, mixed vegetables, cheese wedge, bread/butter, fruited jello, milk.

Friday: Juice, grilled cheese or peanut butter sandwich, carrots,

potato chips, pineapple crisp, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Spaghetti w/meat tomato sauce, lettuce-tomato salad, bread/butter, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Sloppy joe on roll, green beans, potato sticks, apple, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered bun, relish, mustard, potato chips, corn, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: Juice, hamburger on roll, relish, catsup, carrots, white cake w/chocolate frosting, milk.

Friday: Juice, pizza w/cheese sauce, buttered vegetables, peanut butter sandwich, jello w/whipped topping, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Frankfurt on hot buttered roll, sweet potato casserole, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwich, prune whip, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti w/tomato-meat sauce, buttered carrots, cheese cube, buttered vienna bread, chocolate peanut butter cookies, milk.

Wednesday: Saucy meat loaf w/topping, parsley buttered potatoes, buttered leaf spinach, bread/butter, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Chicken noodle soup w/vegetables, chicken salad sandwich, carrot sticks, potato chips, applesauce, milk.

Friday: Oven fried fish sticks, whipped potatoes, cole slaw w/cracked carrots, bread/butter, peach shortcake, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, relish, mustard, buttered corn, fruit, cocoa krispies, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburg gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, bread/butter, chocolate cake, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, toasted ham/cheese roll, green beans, potato chips, fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Juice, hamburger on roll, catsup, relish, onion slices, buttered carrots, fruit, milk.

Friday: Fish sticks w/catsup

or tartar sauce, oven browned potatoes, cabbage-carrot salad, bread/butter, peanut butter cookie, milk.

ROBINSON

Monday: Orange juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, mustard, relish, buttered corn, cheese sticks, orange blossom cake, milk.

Tuesday: Meat ball grinder w/sauce, buttered carrots, potato sticks, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday: Elbow macaroni w/meat-tomato sauce, buttered green beans, bread/butter, pineapple, milk.

Thursday: Citrus juice, sliced ham sandwich, ABC salad, potato chips, butterscotch pudding, milk.

Friday: Oven baked fish sticks, mashed potatoes, buttered mixed vegetables, peanut butter sandwich, dessert, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Orange juice, steamed franks on buttered roll, mustard, relish, peanut butter sandwich, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Italian Spaghetti w/meat-tomato sauce, ABC salad, buttered vienna bread, crushed pineapple coconut, milk.

Wednesday: Citrus juice, chicken noodle soup w/diced carrots, chicken salad on hard roll, celery sticks, fresh pear, milk.

Thursday: Meat ball grinder w/sauce, cheese sticks, buttered broccoli, spice bars, milk.

Friday: Baked meatless lasagna, german cole slaw salad, homemade rolls w/butter, peanut butter sandwich, jello w/fruit topping, milk.

WAC College Junior Program

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Fort McClellan, Ala., will be the site of an intensive introductory schedule involving many young women from a variety of backgrounds and interests. Here the coed will serve as a Cadet Corporal in the WAC Enlisted Reserve for four weeks in the summer following her junior year.

All expenses, including transportation, meals, and uniforms will be paid for by the army. At summer's end, she has a year before she must decide whether or not to become a WAC officer and accept a commission as a second lieutenant upon graduation, two years service follows. Duty stations will be as varied as the jobs open to her, and her salary will enable her to live comfortably and well, whether she's in Bonn or Bangkok.

For further information regarding this and other Army programs, contact Sgt. Larry Rekart at 1883 Main St., Springfield, Mass. He's available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

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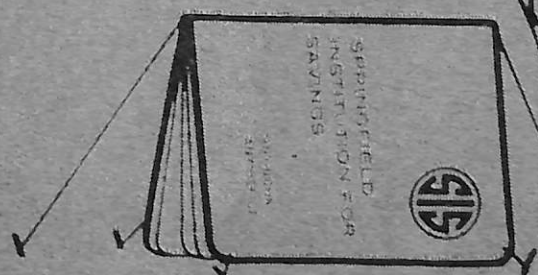
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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

Thirty snow measuring stations have been established for the second year throughout Maine as part of a continuing study of winter effect on deer. Included among the stations are five meteorological complexes located in almost a straight line from northern Aroostook County to the Wild River on Oxford County's New Hampshire border.

The snow stations consist of five snow stakes 50 feet apart in the cover portion of a deer yard and five stakes on the same compass bearing in an open area where an animal might wander for feeding purposes. They measure snow depth, actual crust conditions and deer sinking depths.

This is the second year the snow stations have been operated but the first for the meteorological set-ups. All of these stations are part of a study to determine what stress winter weather has on deer relative to winter losses and winter-caused, reduced productivity.

LONE STAR COMMEMORATIVE

In Dec. 1845, the Independent Republic of Texas became the 28th state admitted to the Union. To honor this great state, Olin's Winchester-Western Div. has announced the latest in the series of commemorative firearms... The Lone Star Commemorative Model 94 Rifle and Carbine.

Patterned after the early Winchester lever action repeaters carried by the frontiersmen who pioneered and settled the nation's western states. The Lone Star firearms will commemorate two important dates in Texas history; the 125th anniversary of its annexation to the United States and the 100th anniversary of its readmittance into the Union, following the War between the States.

Sale of the new commemoratives, which will be issued in limited editions, will provide a royalty to Game Conservation International, popularly known as Game Coin, for use in conservation research and to provide more game for the sportsmen of Texas.

The rifle and carbine are chambered for 30-30 caliber cartridge only and are currently available at retail outlets at a suggested list price of \$140 in either rifle or carbine style and \$305, for a matched set, with consecutive serial numbers.



Mario Sakellis,
Executive Director

Teenagers at the local "Y" have many things to keep them active and out of trouble. The Junior Leaders Club at the "Y" includes about 20 Junior and Senior High school boys and girls who train how to be future "Y" leaders and have fun while doing it.

Under the direction of Mr. Sakellis, the group meet twice a month for training, discussions, planning of programs and projects. In the summer months many of these youngsters and others their own age help as camp staff, aquatics, special programs and overnights.

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own club officers and manage their own activities with little direction from adults.

CLUB PROJECTS

The Junior Leaders to raise money for their treasury recently had a bake sale. Presently they are running a hot chocolate and donut shop right on the "Y" property on weekends while the younger boys and girls are skating thus providing hot drinks for the small kids and supervising them when they come in out of the cold to warm up. The hot chocolate shop is open 1 to 7 p.m.

Income Tax Returns Now Filed At Service Centers

Federal income tax returns should no longer be filed with the Internal Revenue Service district office at Boston, but with the IRS Service Center, 310 Lowell St., Andover, Mass., beginning Jan. 1. This applies to all returns and not only to those claiming refunds.

The IRS North-Atlantic Region, which includes Massachusetts is the latest to require direct filing of all income tax returns with IRS regional service centers, under a law enacted Nov. 2, 1966, William E. Williams, District Director of Internal Revenue said today.

Agawam Parks and Recreation Programs

Mr. John W. Kunasek, director of Agawam Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Dept., announces the physical fitness call and volleyball program for women started last night and will run for 10 weeks. The program is held at the Robinson Park School from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There is no charge for the course—sign up either in person or by phone at the Recreation office as soon as possible. Judy Kolinda will again serve as instructor.

Direct filing of returns eliminates the delay caused by initial handling at the district office, where returns had to be packaged and shipped to Andover for processing.

Mr. Williams emphasized that direct filing will in no way curtail services taxpayers have been accustomed to receiving from the IRS district office. He said, "By relieving the district office of the burden of receiving returns and preparing them from transshipment, we will have a greater opportunity to render services to taxpayers."

The sun weighs as much as 322,000 earths and exerts 27.9 times as much gravitational force as the earth does, because of this, 100 pounds of the earth's matter on the sun would weigh nearly a ton and a half.

Skating rinks are now available at the Valley Community Church and Borgatti playground located off River Road.

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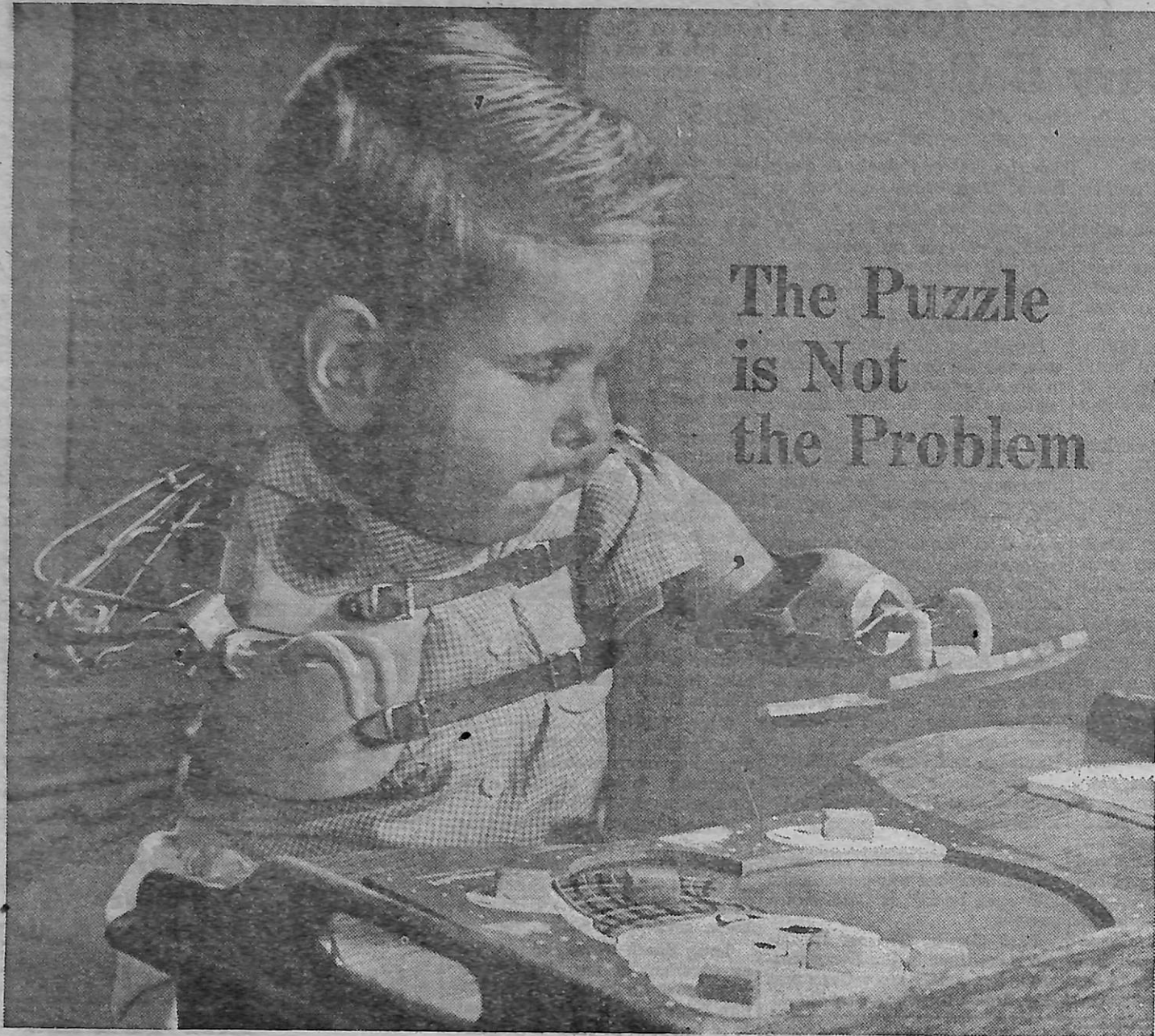
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V.F.W. Post 1632 Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

REHABILITATION

Our Rehabilitation Program had its beginning many years ago. It has been passed on to us to carry on where others had to leave off. This is a great trust and one which we cannot ignore, caring for and serving those men and women who have sacrificed so much for their country. With a warm smile and grateful heart let us accept the challenge — it is our privilege, a privilege few organizations have.

Our volunteer Hospital workers deserve our praise as they give so unselfishly of their time and talents. The services rendered by these workers can be measured only in the terms of heart warming acts of comfort and kindness so important to our Rehabilitation program.

Volunteer service in our hospitals, nursing homes, or community is an example of democracy in "ACTION" and love of our fellowman. Have you wondered how you might help? Let's not make this a word game but one of ACTION! We need more volunteers in our hospitals, more volunteers in our community, we need energetic and enthusiastic teenagers to be volunteers and the retired to bring comfort and joy. Do you know that you can recruit those friends NOT eligible to our Auxiliary and are interested to be volunteers? There is always some place YOU can find to serve others. If you are too far from the Veterans Administra-

tion Hospital or Holyoke Soldiers Home then bring happiness to those veterans that are in nursing homes or foster homes. You will find that you and your Auxiliary will truly enjoy this program and find a self-satisfaction in helping others.

LEGISLATION

Legislation affecting the veteran and his family was brought to our attention this week by Legislation Chairman Betty Mason. Letters were sent to the Auxiliary members asking them to write their Senators and Congressmen in regards to the "Legislative Reorganization Act of 1969," Bill #S-844. The bill is described as "the best vehicle to accomplish the Veterans of Foreign Wars' long-standing priority legislative goal for a standing veterans affairs committee in the Senate." Many have taken their pen in hand and requested immediate consideration and unanimous favorable vote of the bill and are getting replies from Senator George D. Hammond of the Hampden and Berkshire District. Please address all letters to the Senator, Box 166, Westfield, Massachusetts.

President Katherine Dickinson thanks everyone who helped make the "open house" at Christmas a success.

Past Comdr. Thomas Dickinson is confined to the Mercy Hospital, Room 226 since Christmas Day. Don't forget the cards.

PROMENADERS

SQUARE DANCE



Peg and Bob Shoemaker

The Agawam Promenaders will sponsor a square dance at 8 p.m. this Friday, in the auditorium of Robinson Park School on Begley St. and square dancers from other clubs are welcome.

Al Bessette of Walnut St. will

be calling the dances and refreshments will be served by Lorraine and Joe Gasperini.

The annual business meeting will follow the dance. Reports will be presented by all members of the Executive Board including retiring officers, Barbara and Jack Kupec, secretaries; June and Elmer Roosa, refreshment chairmen; Peg and Bob Shoemaker, publicity.

Anita and Tino Davilli, program chairmen, welcomed retiring and incoming officers of the Executive Board to their home for a business meeting January 11. The new officers include: Lorraine and Joe Gasperini, refreshment chairmen, Claire and Burt McCormick, secretaries; Lindy and Dick Davis, publicity. A Mardi Gras Masquerade Dance is planned for Feb. 13th. Elaine and Al Taupier are chairmen of this

event and door prizes will be awarded.

The club members were happy to welcome all the dancers who attended the Dick Ledger Dance, Jan. 9th. It was an evening long to be remembered.

U.S.S. Long Beach

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more nuclear surface ships.

Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, "Father" of the nuclear Navy, has been named to another two-year assignment as boss of the Nuclear Propulsion Branch of the ship systems Command. Some of the Pentagon's so-called "whiz kids" tested the doughty little admiral about three months ago with an abortive attempt to decommission the Long Beach but they soon found they didn't belong in the same league, with Rickover who quickly "put them in their place."

The Long Beach's role as a fighting ship is stamped indelibly on the North Vietnamese. In 1966 her air controllers directed two phantom Jets to the destruction of two Communist Aircraft and in 1968 the ship was credited with downing five MIGs.

Last year the ship's helicopter rescued a downed A-7 "Skyhawk" pilot in the northern part of the Tonkin Gulf.

Capt. William A. Spencer is this fighting ship's fourth skipper since her commissioning and his command is one of the most prestigious in the Navy.

Among the Navy's new nuclear ships are the carriers "Nimitz" and "Eisenhower", two additional frigates similar to the Bainbridge and Truxtun and 3 of a class, smaller than the frigates.

Long Beach Naval Base stands an excellent chance of becoming home port for at least one of the new frigates, and rumors are that it is included in plans to become the prime nuclear ship facility on the West Coast.

During the year that the Long Beach is based at Mare Island her home port will be designated there, for paper purposes, which will allow her crew's families to move to that base and utilize available military housing there.

The Long Beach's strike-support role includes her long range missile capabilities and sophisticated electronic sensors to deter North Vietnamese war aggression against the United States forces. Donnie Lee Garrison, husband of the former Coral S. Bissonnette of 21 Mulberry St., Agawam, is stationed aboard the U.S.S. Long Beach.

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BREAKFAST

ANOTHER BREAKFAST but definitely different says Samuel Smith, chairman as he set the date for Sunday, Jan. 25. Servings will start the usual 9 a.m. until 12: noon but this time your adult ticket of \$1.25 and child's ticket of 75c will buy ample servings of juice, bacon and eggs,

toast and coffee. There will be a large committee to serve you so bring the family and friends.

HOBO NITE

Activities Chairman Wilfred Bissonnette and January Chairman Sam Smith set Jan. 31st for the "HOBO NIGHT" planned to bring you as much fun as our Christmas Parties. Please dress according to the theme of the evening or casual clothing. We would like to have you wear a costume but you NEED NOT wear one to attend. All Moose members, wives, their families and guests are invited to attend and partake of a smorgasbord served from 7-8 p.m. with dancing to follow at 8:30 a.m. til 12:30 a.m. Our smorgasbords are the best of each members' wife's cooking and well worth the small asking price of \$1.50.

Each month a new chairman is appointed to provide you with fun, games, dancing and food so the Feb. Chairman is Wilfred Bissonnette. Watch this column for what he has planned for you ... you ... and you! M.F.

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